**Statement**

*Details of Central Issue Prices of Essential Items Supplied Under P.D.S. During Last 3 years.*

| | Date | Price | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | 11.1.93 | Rs. 330 Per Qtl. | | |
| | 1.2.94 | Rs. 402 Per Qtl. | | |
| | (Till date) | | | |
| | | Common | Fine | Super Fine |
| Rice | 11.1.93 | Rs. 437/- | Rs. 497/- | Rs. 518/- |
| | 1.2.94 | Rs. 537/- | Rs. 617/- | Rs. 648/- |
| | (Till date) | | | |
| Sugar | 17.2.93 | Rs. 830/- | (End Retail | |
| | 1.2.94 | Rs. 905/- | Price) | |
| | (Till date) | | | |
| Kerosene | No increase since 1991-92. | | | |
| | | In Bulk | Per Tonne | In 15 kg tin |
| Edible Oil | 4.1.92 | 22000/- | | 25000/- |
| | 21.7.94 | 24000/- | | 27000/- |
| | (Till date) | | | |
| Soft Coke | No change in CIP | | | |

**Facilities being provided for setting new industries**

2831. SHRI LACHHMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided by Government to set up new industries in the different parts of the country particularly in Haryana and Punjab;

(b) whether these facilities are sufficient to encourage the industrialists; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The development of industry is primarily the concern of the State Government. The Union Government do not provide any incentive for setting up of new industries in any State. However, most of the State Governments provide various incentives such as investment subsidy, fiscal and financial concessions, tax relief and concession in power tariffs, etc. to the entrepreneurs for setting up of new industries in their respective States.

**Licensing of New Sugar Mills**

2832. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has licensed 30 new sugar mills as reported in Indian Express dated 4th July, 1996;

(b) whether more than half of them are located in the State of Karnataka;

(c) whether many of them do not fulfil the condition of a minimum of 25 km. between two sugar mills; and

(d) whether it is a fact that some of these cases were not even referred to the Food Ministry and were directly okayed

by the Industry Ministry at the instance of PMO?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the Indian Express Report dated 4th July, 1996, alleging that the Prime Minister's Office had issued instructions to the Union Ministry of Food and the Union Ministry of Industry to expedite clearance of Karnataka cases. Based on a detailed evaluation, this Ministry had recommended by 4-5-1996 all the 16 cases for which licences to set up units in Karnataka were issued. In all 28 licences were issued upto 3-7-1996.

(c) Letters of Intent for establishment of new sugar factories have been issued as per the prevailing Licensing Policy Guidelines.

(d) All the above cases were initially considered by the Ministry of Food and the comments were sent to the Ministry of Industry for consideration by the Licensing Committee.

**Vacuum in Top Management of Super Bazar**

2833. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar is heading for a vacuum in the top management;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some executive members have retired by 31st December, 1995; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that top management positions are not left vacant for long periods?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of 15 members on the Board of Directors of Super Bazar, Delhi, there was only one vacancy as on 31.12.95.

(c) As regards vacancies in the top management, the Super Bazar, Delhi has informed that the Managing Director is on training till March 1997 and that action is already in process to fill up the post. The Deputy General Manager of the store is officiating in his place. Besides, steps have also been initiated to fill up the post of Controller of Accounts & Finance, which is lying vacant since repatriation of the previous incumbent to her parent Department.

**Closure of lamps division of HMT, Hyderabad**

*2834. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether HMT are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years;

(c) whether lamps division of HMT, Hyderabad is being closed down; and

(d) if so, how the surplus staff is proposed to be utilised, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1995-96 and 1994-95 HMT incurred a loss of Rs. 55.89 cr. (approximately) and Rs. 79.20 cr. respectively.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.